

What is claimed is:

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- 5 1. A software suite for enabling viewing and manipulation of multiple categories of aggregated data compiled from a plurality of data sources and accessible through a single interface operated on a data-packet-network, the data sources available for direct network-access through multiple access points available from within the interface comprising:
 a calendar module having at least one display interface for enabling viewing and manipulation of time and date-sensitive calendar data;
- 10 10 a transaction module having at least one display interface for enabling viewing and manipulation of financially oriented account data;
- a portfolio tracking module having at least one display interface for enabling viewing and manipulation of investment oriented account data;
- 15 15 a net-worth reporting module having at least one display interface for displaying a solution-oriented net-worth report compiled from the aggregated data;
- a bill-payment module having at least one display interface for enabling viewing and initiation of payment action regarding current billing data; and
- 20 20 an account-alert module having at least one display interface for reporting time and event sensitive account alerts related to changes in account data due to occurring events or pre-configured time parameters.
- 25 25 2. The software suite of claim 1, wherein the data-packet-network is the Internet network.

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3. The software suite of claim 2, wherein the plurality of data sources comprise service-access points maintained by service-hosting entities offering services accessible through the Internet.
5. 4. The software suite of claim 3, wherein the single interface is of the form of an HTML Web page served from a user-access point and downloaded by the accessing user to a Web browser.
- 10 5. The software suite of claim 4, wherein a personal computer is operated as a user-access device for accessing the HTML Web page.
6. The software suite of claim 4, wherein a handheld computer is operated as a user access-device for accessing the HTML Web page.
- 15 7. The software suite of claim 4, wherein the computational functions of the modules are enabled by a database reporting software communicating with the various modules through application-program-interface implementation.
- 20 8. The software suite of claim 7, wherein the multiple-access points are URLs embedded within the at least one interface associated with each of the plurality of modules.
9. The software suite of claim 8, further comprising:
- 25 a communications module having at least one interface for reporting existence of new communications events;
- an account-bookmarks module having at least one interface for listing URLs of the plurality of data sources; and

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a travel-planning module having at least one interface for enabling configuration and initiation of travel plans.

10. The software suite of claim 9, wherein the modules are selectively cross-linked with each other for purpose of enabling the modules to share reporting aspects of the aggregated data and for enabling the user navigation between the modules.

11. A network-based control system for controlling display, manipulation, and transaction parameters of aggregated data compiled from a plurality of data sources, the control capability extended through a single interface operated on a data-packet-network comprising:

15 a portal server operating on the network for enabling user-access to the system through the single interface, the single interface having a plurality of control and report modules for controlling categorization, viewing, reporting and manipulation aspects of the aggregated data;

a mass data repository for storing the aggregated data;

20 a database reporting software for accepting input from the software interface through individual ones of the control and report modules and for performing calculations, manipulations, and ordering transactions based on the received input; and

a user-access device connected to the network for accessing the portal server and receiving the single interface.

25 12. The network-based control system of claim 11, wherein the network is the Internet network.

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13. The network-based control system of claim 12, further comprising multiple points of direct network-access to the plurality of data sources embedded into interfaces invoked by individual ones of the control and report modules.
14. The network-based control system of claim 13, wherein the aggregated data is personalized to an accessing user and limited to display in a personalized interface.
- 10 15. The network-based control system of claim 14, wherein the multiple points of direct network access comprise embedded URLs.
- 15 16. The network-based control system of claim 15, wherein the control and report modules available through the single interface are capable of initiating service of at least one additional interface associated with an invoked module, the additional interface providing a more detailed accounting of the categorized data associated with the invoked module.
- 20 17. The network-based control system of claim 16, wherein the control and report modules are selectively cross-linked with each other for the purpose of sharing reporting aspects of the aggregated data and for enabling user navigation between the modules.
- 25 18. The network-based control system of claim 17, wherein the user-access device is a personal computer.
19. The network-based control system of claim 17, wherein the user access-device is a handheld computer.

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Summary

20. A method for enabling single-point control over various display, reporting, computation, and transactional aspects of data aggregated on behalf of the user from a plurality of data sources operating on a data-packet-network comprising steps of:
- (a) providing a network-interface vehicle having a plurality of control and report modules embedded therein, the interface serving as the single-point control apparatus;
 - (b) connecting the plurality of control and report modules to a database reporting software through application-program-interface implementation;
 - (c) providing additional display interfaces launch-able from individual ones of the plurality of control report modules, the display interfaces containing interactive links to utilities for configuring the aspects of data display and for ordering transactions through the modules; and
 - (d) rendering the network-interface vehicle accessible to the user operating a remote data-access device connected to the network.
21. The method of claim 20, wherein the data-packet-network is the Internet network.
22. The method of claim 21 wherein in step (a), the network-interface vehicle is of the form of an HTML Web page served from a user-access point and downloaded by the accessing user to a Web browser.
23. The method of claim 22 wherein in step (d), the data-access device is a personal computer.

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24. The method of claim 22 wherein in step (d), the data-access device is a handheld computer.

5 25. The method of claim 22 wherein in step (b), the computational functions of the modules are enabled and performed by the database reporting software.

26. The method of claim 25 wherein in step (c), the additional display interfaces are linked to the individual control modules through hyperlinking.

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27. The method of claim 26 wherein in step (c), the modules are selectively cross-linked with each other for purpose of enabling the modules to share reporting aspects of the aggregated data and for enabling the user navigation between the modules.

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